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**14<sup>th</sup> Annual HALO Kansas City ArtReach Auction Feb. 22**  
**Benefiting At-Risk and Homeless Children**  
***Announcing 2019 Award Winners: Advocates, Volunteers, Artist,***  
***Supporter, Hero and Stars of the Year***

**Kansas City, MO** — Kansas City nonprofit [HALO](#) is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ArtReach Auction Event at The Brass on Baltimore (1228 Baltimore Ave. Kansas City, MO 64105) on Fri., Feb. 22, 2019, from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Honorary Chairs are Chad and Susie Wollard. The Diamond Sponsor is Mariner Wealth Advisors.

As featured on [CBS Evening News](#), the ArtReach Auction showcases artwork from orphans around the world and nationally recognized artists. A sit down dinner is by Olive Events Catering. Beer is by Stockyard Brewery. Entertainment is by KC Metro's premiere party band Lost Wax. Unique items are available for live and silent auction. Pictures from the 2018 event are available to view on the HALO [Facebook page](#). Individual tickets are \$150. Sponsor opportunities are still available. Levels include: Platinum \$5,000, Gold \$2,500, Table Captain \$1,500 and Table Host \$500. Sponsorship packet details are [here](#). Proceeds support HALO children in need.

“Every day, HALO provides love to homeless and at-risk children in the form of housing, healing and education, which we believe can heal a child who needs it most,” said HALO Founder and CEO Rebecca Welsh. “We serve as the foundation of a family for children without one and invite the community to join us on Feb. 22 at our most important fundraiser of the year, so we can continue to help one more child spend one less day alone.”

HALO announces its 2019 Award Winners who will be honored at the event: Perennial Places and Mariner Wealth Advisors as Advocates; Cindy Bartko and the Wednesday Night Warriors Brittany English, Derek Yu, Allison Reeve, Elise Brummett and Sam Hoffman as Volunteers; Carly Rae Robinson as Artist; Greg Lam as Supporter; Sally Sallee as Hero; and HALO youth Madison and Frankie as Stars. It takes many to make HALO a success; these individuals and companies are recognized for their exceptional involvement and commitment.

“We are excited to recognize our 2019 HALO Award Winners,” said Welsh. “They have raised thousands of dollars to support more than 1,400 HALO children in six countries, expanded our HALO mission within the Kansas City community, and given countless hours creating art that has changed lives. I am so proud of our HALO Stars; they have become incredible role models to all HALO children.”

Photos will be shared after the ArtReach Auction event. Learn more about the 2019 and past award winners listed below.

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## About the 2019 Award Winners

### ❖ **Advocates**

Kim Ansari of Perennial Places first partnered with HALO in 2017, providing beautiful artwork by local artists that became featured live auction artwork sold at the HALO ArtReach Auction, raising over \$8,000. They are donating even more amazing pieces for the next HALO Auction Feb. 22. The relationship has continued to bloom with its support to have a percentage of art sales benefit HALO. In addition, Perennial Places is committed to a long-term partnership to support and mentor a HALO youth artist, with the most recent success of HALO artist Madison. This organization continues to advocate for HALO in the community and shares the HALO mission with others to make a greater impact.

Mariner Wealth Advisors has been involved in HALO for years providing impactful sponsorship and volunteer support. They have donated and served food for the annual HALO Thanksgiving to give HALO youth a warm and loving meal. They have spent time getting to know HALO kids better and showing them what it means to be a family. In addition, Mariner lit the room with smiles for the HALO Holiday Party with their incredible donation of gifts for the HALO Holiday Store for kids to choose to give to others. Their continued dedication lets HALO youth know they are loved.

### ❖ **Volunteers**

Cindy Bartko has volunteered behind the scenes for years at HALO. She is one of the first to raise her hand to help with any volunteer need. Cindy has helped with several HALO fundraisers, stuffed hundreds of mailings, aided in a variety of office tasks, secured supplies, shared social media communication with others and continues to bring her passion and enthusiasm to help HALO succeed. She always has HALO on her mind and truly cares about helping one more child spend one less day alone. HALO is made possible by incredible volunteers like Cindy.

They are known as the HALO Wednesday Night Warriors: Brittany English, Derek Yu, Allison Reeve, Elise Brummett and Sam Hoffman. This dedicated group of volunteers has been leading art and life skills workshops with HALO teenagers every Wednesday night for over a year. Each of them has taken HALO's Trauma Informed Care training and implement trauma-informed practices at every workshop. They take turns leading the discussion on the monthly life skill, demonstrating the art project, and support each other in and outside of HALO. HALO is so thankful for this amazing group that continues to empower youth in the greatest need.

### ❖ **Artist**

Carly Rae Robinson has volunteered for HALO in a variety of aspects for over two years. Everything from working directly with HALO youth at art workshops to serving for a second year as the volunteer Art Director for the annual ArtReach Auction, partnering at the "Bloom" Buttonwood Art Space HALO benefit, and donating her incredible floral watercolor artwork and workshops from Carly Rae Studio, raising thousands of dollars to benefit HALO youth. As a successful entrepreneur of her own business, she brings fresh thinking and incredible value to HALO. In addition, she shares her beautiful talents with HALO children and supporters. Carly's piece titled "Love Heals" is available to purchase during the live auction at the [Kansas City HALO ArtReach Auction on Feb. 22](#).

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❖ **Supporter**

Greg Lam, Managing Partner of Copilevitz & Canter, has supported HALO since 2004. He has shown unwavering support for HALO throughout the years and guided HALO through the infancy stage to where HALO is now, the foundation of a family for children all over the world. Greg's dedication to HALO is combating youth homelessness every day. His countless hours of guidance and advice have been critical to HALO's success as an organization.

❖ **Hero**

Sally Sallee is honored for her passion to share the HALO mission and connect with the community. She has supported HALO for years but her biggest impact has been through sharing the story of HALO with others in the Kansas City community, from individuals to foundations and businesses. Thanks to her commitment to helping children off the streets, HALO supporters have grown at a rapid pace.

❖ **Star**

Frankie has been a part of the HALO family for almost 2 years and has maintained steady progress in the HALO Home program. She has consistently been employed, and she recently received a raise at her current job where she is learning valuable auto mechanic skills that will benefit her for years to come. Not only is she making her future stronger for herself, she is paving the way for her beautiful son to have the future and life they both deserve. She is a strong and resilient mother, and HALO loves watching her raise her son by example. With her sights set on graduating the HALO program in July 2019, HALO is thrilled to honor Frankie.

Madison joined the HALO family in 2017 and attended the HALO Learning Center. In 2018, she began the HALO Home program with a goal to live independently in a safe environment. By having a space of her own, Madison has flourished in one of her most favorite passions, creating art. On top of managing her finances, maintaining employment, focusing on her physical and mental health, Madison was featured in her own professional art show, where she created 16 pieces and was featured for four months at Perennial Places art gallery during Kansas City's popular First Friday events. One of her paintings will be sold during the live auction at the ArtReach Auction. She has her sights set on college and having a place of her own. HALO believes she can do it and is proud to honor Madison with this Star award.

**2018 winners include:**

Advocates – Nuance and Apex Systems  
Volunteer – Elise Brummett  
Artist – Noah Watson  
Supporters – Marty and Cheryl Bicknell,  
Keith and Bonnie Connell and Bill and Becky  
Krueger  
Star – Alesia McFadden

**2017 winners include:**

Advocates – Jeff Albright and Lene  
Westerman  
Volunteers – Janie Schrader and Irina  
Protopopescu  
Artist – Nina Irwin  
Supporters – The Farmer Family and  
Clockwork  
Stars – Marjai, Tiana, Tia and Winnie  
Hero – HALO COO Nicole Gerken

**2016 winners include:**

Advocate – Gould Evans  
Volunteer – Kaity Woody  
Artist – Lacy Voight Gordon  
Supporter – MoroccanOil

**2015 winners include:**

Advocates – Billy and Mara Hodes  
Volunteers – Josh and Leena Fry  
Artist – Vera VonHoldenberg  
Supporters – Jon and Tara Darbyshire of  
the Archer Foundation  
Hero – HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh

***ABOUT HALO:***

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the MoroccanOil *INSPIRED* film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” and Variety Magazine, HALO serves over 1,400 children each year and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. HALO has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Help one more child spend one less day alone at [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

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